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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A shock absorber is comprised of a cylinder defining a chamber ther in, the cylinder containing a fluid; a piston rod sealingly projecting into the cylinder and being axially displaceable with respect to the cylinder; a piston being attached to the piston rod, the piston being slidably disposed within the cylinder to sealingly divide the cylinder into first and second chambers; means for permitting fluid communication between the first and second chambers; the means for permitting fluid communication being disposed in at least a portion of the piston. The fluid is comprised of a polyol ester the polyol component of which is a hindered polyol and the carboxylic acid component is a mono-carboxylic acid having from about 5 to about 18 carbon atoms.

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